

MINUTES
City Council Meeting
Monday, December 7, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening: Councilmember Don Bethune offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the pledge allegiance to the flag.

Roll Call:

Members: Mayor Holder presided. Council Members: Mayor Pro-Tem Campbell, Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Cody, Councilmember Daniel and Councilmember Tice.

Staff: Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Ben Brengman, IT Director; David Lyons, Chief of Police; Blake Hodge, Fire Chief; Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director and Ron Alexander, Planning, Zoning & Building Director. *Absent:* Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Benny Googe, Works Director and Pam Franklin, HR Director.

Mayor Holder said City Council held a pre-agenda session prior to tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the pre-agenda session.

Presentation: Mayor Holder and Chief Lyons presented a proclamation to Mr. Scott George recognizing his tenure on City Council serving as Mayor Pro-tem from January 3, 2012 to September 3, 2015.

GCPD – CALEA Re-accreditation Update: Chief Lyons announced that the GCPD received its re-accreditation for the fifth time. He said the CALEA Commission's comments were very favorable regarding the department.

Informal Public Comment: Mayor Holder opened the floor to received public comment from the audience. There being no questions or comments from the audience, Mayor Holder closed the informal public comment portion of the meeting.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to approve the city council minutes dated 11/16/15.

Mayor Holder said we have no staff reports tonight. He said staff will present their year-end reports at the January 19, 2015 council meeting.

Items for Consideration:

First Reading, Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4801 Augusta Road): Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone from C-2 to C-2A (B&W) certain property owned by Ganesh 4801 LLC at 4801 Augusta Road; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading, Ordinance, Zoning Map Amendment (4801 Augusta Road): Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the zoning ordinance and map of Garden City, Georgia, as amended; to rezone from C-2 to C-2A (B&W) certain property owned by Ganesh 4801 LLC at 4801 Augusta Road; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

First Reading, Ordinance, Zoning Text Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the first reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Chapter 50 entitled “Manufactured Homes” by adding Article IV to prohibit the operation of businesses out of trailers; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions to the prohibition and a permitting procedure for such exceptions with appeal rights; to address existing business trailers; to provide penalties; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Daniel, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading of the ordinance.

Second Reading, Ordinance, Zoning Text Amendment: Clerk of Council read for the second reading an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to amend Chapter 50 entitled “Manufactured Homes” by adding Article IV to prohibit the operation of businesses out of trailers; to provide definitions; to provide exceptions to the prohibition and a permitting procedure for such exceptions with appeal rights; to address existing business trailers; to provide penalties; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

FY2016 Fee Schedule: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration revisions to the City’s Fee Schedule related to Utility Fees and Charges for fiscal year 2016 (FY2016).

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to approve the FY2016 Fee Schedule as presented.

Resolution, FY2016 Operating & Capital Budget: Clerk of Council read a resolution to adopt the FY2016 Operating and Capital Budgets; to provide appropriation of funds for operating and capital expenditures and to appropriate funding for specific operating and capital funds of the Garden City Government.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Wrecker Service Contract: Clerk of Council read a resolution to award Sapp's Wrecker Service, Inc., a contract for the performance of headout wrecker services and to authorize the City Manager to sign the contract in the name of the City.

Upon motion by Councilmember Tice, seconded by Councilmember Campbell, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Transportation Funds: Clerk of Council read a resolution by the Mayor and City Council of Garden City, Georgia, to request the Georgia Department of Transportation to allocate additional funding for improvements to corridors and locations in Chatham County, Georgia, to improve mobility and safety for our citizens and visitors.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, GMA Cable and Telecommunications Management Services Agreement: Clerk of Council read a resolution of the City of Garden City through the Council to authorize the City Manager to execute a Cable and Telecommunications Management Services Agreement.

Upon motion by Councilmember Campbell, seconded by Councilmember Tice, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the resolution.

Resolution, Urban Redevelopment Plan Adoption: Clerk of Council read a resolution to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan for Garden City, Georgia.

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Cody, City Council voted to table the resolution to adopt the Urban Redevelopment Plan for further discussion.

Mayor Holder said this is my last council meeting. He said it has been a pleasure serving with citizens and I have enjoyed working with council and staff.

Councilmember Tice said I would like to thank you for years of service. She said it has been a pleasure serving with you.

Councilmember Bethune said I think everyone should serve on council at some point. He said people don't realize how much of our time is involved. He said I have learned a lot serving with you and you will be missed.

Councilmember Daniel said I would like to thank you and it has been a pleasure serving with you.

Chief Lyons said I would like to thank you on behalf of the city staff. He said it has been a pleasure for all of us working with you.

Councilmember Campbell said I would like to thank you.

Councilmember Cody said I have enjoyed serving with you.

Mayor Holder thanked everyone for their support through the years.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Mayor Holder, seconded by Councilmember Bethune, City Council adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

*Transcribed by Clerk of Council
Approved by City Council 1/19/16*